Applicant thanks the Examiner for discussing, on August 28, 2007, the scope of the following limitations: "not changing the identity of the character displayed in the location of the first character of the keyword" and "locations for the n characters of the keyword" together with the disclosure of Boon and New III.

The Examiner agreed that Boon is confusing and difficult to understand as the description of Figure 17 in Boon's specification does not appear to correctly describe Figure 17. The Examiner and Applicant agreed that, as best as we can understand Boon, Boon appears to substitute correct characters for incorrect characters in Boon's answer line.

The Examiner and Applicant also agreed that New III does not disclose locations for each character in a keyword. However, the Examiner stated that modifying New III to display a location for each character in a keyword may be an obvious variation.

Applicant and the Examiner also discussed several potential limitations that could distinguish Applicant's claims from Boon and New. Those limitations are included in the newly submitted claims below.

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled all pending claims and submitted new claims 39 – 52. These claims are based in large part upon the comments made by the Examiner interview of August 28, 2007.

Independent claim 39 is directed to a method for training a user to memorize the answer to a factual question. An example of a factual question is "Which ones are the three largest cities in Texas?" See Specification, paragraph 0018. The answer to the question of claim 39 contains at least two keywords. An example of such an answer would be "Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio." See Specification, paragraph 0018. The first keyword of claim 39 has n characters and the second keyword of claim 39 has m characters. Thus, for example, if the first keyword is

"Dallas", which includes 6 characters, n would be 6. Similarly, if the second keyword is "Houston", which includes 7 characters, m would be 7.

Claim 39 requires presenting on a computer display a number of items simultaneously. These items include the factual question, the answer to the factual question, n blank locations for displaying the n characters of the first keyword, and m blank locations for displaying the m characters of the second keyword. Original Figure 3, amended Figure 3, submitted on July 28, 2006, and specification paragraphs 0019 and 0020 provide support for the simultaneous display of such items.

Claim 39 also requires receiving a first character from a keyboard, and then, before receiving another character either presenting an indication, such as an error indication, or displaying the first character of the first keyword.

Neither Boon nor New III, alone or together, discloses the above-discussed claim. For example, neither Boon nor New III, alone or together, discloses simultaneously presenting a factual question, an answer to the factual question that contains a first keyword and a second keyword, n blank locations for displaying the n characters of the first keyword, and m blank characters for displaying the m characters of the second keyword. Thus, Applicant believes that claim 39 is allowable over the art of record.

Claim 40, which depends from claim 39 includes additional limitations related to receiving a second character after receiving an incorrect character. Support for the claim limitations are provided in paragraphs 0019 - 0021 of the specification and Figure 3.

Claim 41, which depends from claim 39, includes additional limitations related to receiving n additional characters and comparing the last of those characters to the first character

of the second keyword. Support for the claim limitations are provided in paragraphs 0019 - 0021 of the specification and Figure 3.

Claim 42 is similar to claim 41 except that claim 42 compares a later received character with the last character of the second keyword.

Claims 43 and 44, which depend from claim 39, include limitations related to displaying an interactive button only after the last of the keywords is correctly entered. Support for the claim limitations can be found in paragraph 0020 of the specification.

Claim 45 is identical to claim 39 with the exception of there is no requirement in claim 45 to simultaneously display the answer to the question. Dependent claims 46 – 50 are identical to dependent claims 40 – 44.

Dependent claims 51 and 52 require displaying the first character of the first/second keywords when the user requests a hint. Support for the claim limitations can be found in paragraphs 0024 and 0025 of the specification.

The Examiner rejected a number of previously filed claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. More specifically, the Examiner stated:

> "It is unclear where the limitation, 'the answer to the question including a keyword, the keyword having n characters, where n is greater than 2', is found in the specification."

Later in the Examiner's office action, the Examiner stated with respect to New III:

> "[T]he keyword having n characters, where n is greater than 2 (Figure 6(b) is a screen display illustrating a show of the target word, 'butterfly', 156:50-51; having 0 characters)"

Paragraph 0018 of Applicant's specification states in part:

> "In the preferred embodiment, these two groups of learning entities are two word groups, the first of which may define a question: 'Which ones are the three largest cities in Texas?' while the second of which may define an answer: 'Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio.' At this point, the answer is highlighted in blue color, thereby suggesting that the gist of the material involves the names and spellings of the three cities. Also at this point, the instruction information may read: 'Please read the question and the answer thoroughly, focusing on the keywords highlighted in blue', while the interactive button may read: 'continue'."

As the keyword "Dallas" has 6 characters, paragraph 0018 of Applicant's specification provides support for a "keyword having n characters, when n is greater than 2."

In order to facilitate the issuance of this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at 208-336-5237 if the Examiner is unable to locate support in the original specification for any claim limitations.

As Applicant has canceled all previously pending claims, the Examiner's rejections based upon 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are moot.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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